1. Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Coal—CHAIRMAN
2. Adviser (Traffic) Ministry of Railways.
3. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal.
4. Adviser (Energy) Planning Commission.
5. Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Power.
6. Member (Operation), Central Electricity Authority.
7. Director (Operation) National Thermal Power Corporation.
8. Adviser (Projects) Ministry of Coal—MEMBER SECRETARY.
9. Chief General Manager (Coordn.) CIL Calcutta.
10. General Manager, CIL New Delhi.
11. Chief of Marketing, SCCL, Hyderabad.

The Group has since finalised the coal supply plan for ten TPSs in Western and Southern Regions and the same is under implementation.

(c) and (d) It has been reported that some units of Raichur TPS remained idle for want of coal. Coal supplies to Raichur TPS have been lately affected due to non-payment of coal dues to the coal companies. State Governments and Electricity Boards have been advised to ensure timely payments to coal companies to avoid dislocations in coal supplies.

Poor quality of Coal supplied to Thermal Power Stations in U.P.

4649. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from U.P.S.E.B. that poor quality coal has been and is being supplied by Coal India Limited to the U.P.S.E.B. for its Thermal Power Stations, which is resulting in loss of power generation and also damages to plants 'equipments';

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that only requisite grade of coal is supplied in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board power plants have been receiving coal traditionally from Northern Coalfields Ltd., Bharat Coking Coal Ltd., and Central Coalfields Ltd. Coal supplied from these Coalfields is billed as per declared grades. There are sometimes complaints, of grade slippages due to presence of extraneous material in coal, or of supply of unsized coal.

Coal companies are taking following steps to minimise the content of stones, shales etc. in coal sent to consumers:

(i) Segregation of stones at the time of loading coal.

(ii) In coal Handling Plants, slow moving picking belts are provided for picking up of shale and stone pieces.

(iii) Maintenance of sufficient stock at the siding so that picking can be ensured before loading.

(iv) Ensuring better supervision to maintain quality control, and developing quality consciousness among workers, supervisors and executives engaged at Railway sidings.

Coal supplies to NTPC power station

4650. SHRI SOM PAL:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the matter of coal supplies NTPC power

stations are given preference over the State Electricity Board controlled power houses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and rationale therefor; and

(c) what have been the actual differences in coal supplied under this criterion to NTPC power houses and State Electricity Boards owned power houses during the past three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Coal supplies to all power utilities are effected against quarterly linkage decided by the Standing Linkage Committee. These linkages are decided on the basis of generation targets accepted by the power stations. Sometimes coal meant for one thermal power station is diverted to another, if the former is unable to accept it or unload it quickly. But generally speaking no preference is given in the matter of coal supplies to power stations under National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), over power stations controlled by State Elertricity Board (SEBs).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Available information about coal supplied to NTPC and other SEBs during the last two years from Coal India Ltd. (CIL) sources is as follows:

(in million tonnes)

Board/Agency	1991-92 Reg.	1991-92 Desp.	Percentage	1990-91 Regt.	1990-91 Desp.	Percentage
NTPC	30·56	30·66	100	28·5	27·3	96
All other SEBS . .	83·74	81·06	97	73·0	73·3	100

The quantity of coal supplied to thermal power stations under NTPC and all other SEBs during 1989-90 from CIL sources was 21.7 million tonnes and 63.2 million tonnes respectively.

उकनी खुले मुहाने वाली कोयला खानों को स्वीकृति का दिया जाना

4651. **श्री छोटू भाई पटेल** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने पश्चिमी कोयला क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत 11.37 करोड़ रु० की अनुमानित लागत वाली उकनी खुले मुहाने वाली कोयला खानों के विकास के लिए स्वीकृति दे दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उकनी में प्रतिवर्ष कोयले का कितना उत्पादन होने का अनुमान है ;

(ग) उन खुले मुहाने वाली अन्य कोयला खानों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनका निकट भविष्य में विकास करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है ; और

(घ) पश्चिमी कोयला क्षेत्र में खुले मुहाने वाली कुल कितनी कोयला खाने हैं तथा इनमें से प्रत्येक खान में होने वाले वार्षिक उत्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नयमेगौडा) : (क) और (ख) वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० की उकनी ओ०का० परियोजना (क्षमता 1.10 मि०टन/वर्ष) को सरकार द्वारा 100.37 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित पूंजीगत लागत पर जनवरी, 1992 में स्वीकृति दी गई । इस खान के